GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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HOME GUARDS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of those States where the services of Home Guards are being utilized to supplement the para-military forces;

(b) whether the Home Guards are not considered as regular employees in various States and their services are utilised on daily wages basis;

(c) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to improve the service conditions of Home Guards through an Uniform Central Law;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from the State Governments in this regard;

(g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(h) the response of the Government in this matter, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a): Presently, Home Guards are not being utilized to supplement the paramilitary forces in any state. However, Border Wing Home Guards in the States of Punjab, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and West Bengal were utilized by the Border Security Force till 1992.

(b) & (c): Home Guards is a voluntary organization and almost all ranks up to level of company commander are volunteers. Being a voluntary organization, Home Guards are not considered as regular employees.
They are paid daily allowance as and when utilized by the State Governments.

(d) & (c): Home Guards in a 'State' subject and there is no central legislation on Home Guards. There is no proposal for a Uniform Central Law on the Home Guards.

(f): No, Sir.

(g) & (h): Do not arise.